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TO EXCHANGE CARS WITH OTHER ROADS

Connecticut Valley Street Railway Desires to Run Over Connecting Lines

A public hearing soon will be given upon a petition of officials of the Connecticut Valley Street Railway Company, in which the privilege of exchanging cars with the Northampton Street Railway, the Holyoke Street Railway and the Springfield Street Railway is sought. The Railroad Commissioners, to whom the petition is addressed, are asked to order the three companies to accept the cars of the Connecticut River Company to be run over the tracks to points not now covered by the lines of the petitioning company. The action is taken under a law recently enacted. If the petition is granted it will mean the establishing of a new policy in the operation of street railway lines in Western Massachusetts.

Formerly such exchange of cars could not be ordered. It could be made only if the connecting companies agreed among themselves to make the exchange and agreed upon terms, the Railroad Commission then having the power of approval of these terms.

When the law was enacted, last year giving the Railroad Commission power to order the operation of the cars of one company over the tracks of another the suggestion was made that it was intended to enable the suburban companies to compel the Boston Elevated to receive their cars, and especially their freight cars when a freight service should be established.

The Connecticut Valley Company is the first, however, to take advantage of the law in seeking to have its own cars run over the tracks of connecting railways.

The cities and towns in which the companies named operate are Northampton, Hadley, Amherst, Hatfield, Whately, Deerfield, Greenfield, Montague, Easthampton, Williamsburg, South Hadley, Granby, Pelham, Sunderland, Holyoke, Chicopee, Springfield, West Springfield, Longmeadow, East Longmeadow, Agawam, Palmer, Monson, Brimfield, Wilbraham, Russell, Huntington, Westfield and Ware.

MAY TIE UP ARGENTINA.

Engineers and Firemen Reject Arbitration—Strike Impends.

Buenos Aires, Jan. 4.—Argentina is threatened with a strike of railroad

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